SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 896 By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sharonda Renee Jones, 2006 Salutatorian of Hillcrest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sharonda Renee Jones is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Hillcrest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Jones has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Sharonda Jones has earned an exemplary 3.97 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Jones is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, the school choir, and Hillcrest's Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she is a member of the Student Council and serves as its devoted Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Sharonda Jones has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy

causes; she serves as a tutor at Graceland Elementary School and is an active member of St. Luke Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at the University of Memphis, where she plans to pursue a degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Sharonda Jones's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sharonda Renee Jones, 2006 Hillcrest High School Salutatorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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